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FACULTY VOTES NO CONFIDENCE IN KOPP

Faculty has no confidence in Kopp, BOG supports president's leadership

By TAYLOR STUCK
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University faculty passed a vote of no confidence Wednesday against university President Stephen Kopp through e-vote.

Out of the 420 total votes cast, 290 agreed with the motion, 107 did not agree and 23 abstained. According to Angela Rose, faculty senate office secretary, a total of 745 faculty members were eligible to vote.

The motion to have a vote of no confidence was passed April 19, at the emergency general faculty meeting.

According to Nathaniel DeBruin, university archivist, there is no record of a vote of no confidence of a university president ever happening at Marshall.

Pamela Mulder, professor of psychology, said a vote of no confidence does not remove the president because only the Board of Governors has the ability to.

In a campus wide email, Joseph Touma, chair of the Board of Governors, expressed the majority of the board's support for Kopp.

"Dr. Kopp has succeeded in achieving the goals set by the Board of Governors for Marshall University and he has exceeded the board's performance expectations in numerous areas," Touma said in the email. "The board also believes that he is the right person to keep our great university moving in the right direction."

In another campus wide email, Kopp expressed his gratitude for the support from the Board of Governors.

"During the past few weeks, I have received an outpouring of affirmations and expressions of support from across the entire university community and our extended family of Marshall Sons and Daughters," Kopp said in the email. "It has been very gratifying and encouraging, and I personally thank those who have taken the time to express themselves."

The initial outcry from faculty came after Kopp announced two budget conservation measures, which included a sweep of all revenue funds and a hiring freeze of non-mission critical employees. Kopp said all funds were returned to faculty at the emergency faculty meeting.

The measures were in anticipation of an 8.94 percent cut in state appropriations, which will result in a loss of \$5.11 million to the university's budget.

Kopp said in his email he is proud to lead the university and that he knows the university will continue to work together through the budget challenges.

"I respect the views of the faculty who have shared their opinion in this fashion, however, the budget challenges we set out to address remain, and I do not see additional public funding on the horizon," Kopp said in the email. "We have much work to do in the coming days and months to ensure Marshall continues its progress with even more limited public resources."

Student Body President E.J. Hassan said he appreciated the Board of Governors putting students in the forefront of the discussion of the budget cuts and he appreciates the administration's collaborative approach to solving the issues.

"As we move forward, I am eager to begin the process of working with the administration, faculty and staff in order to find solutions to the issues that we currently face, as well as any others that may arise," Hassan said.

Eldon Larsen, chair of faculty senate, said faculty members have

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At the April 19 emergency general faculty meeting, a motion of no confidence in Kopp was read by Eldon Larsen, faculty senate chair, which reads:

> "Whereas, Dr. Stephen Kopp has engaged in communication practices that undermine the goals of transparency, accountability, consultation and consensus, particularly in such instances such as the recent sweep of revenue accounts across the campus and the forced reorganization of departments and colleges. Whereas the communication practices engaged by Dr. Stephen Kopp in the anticipation of the sweeping of funds left faculty, departments and programs in a state of chaos and crisis without sufficient cause or explanation. Whereas, Dr. Stephen Kopp has severely diminished trust the administration and the faculty, and has lost the confidence of the faculty in his leadership, Mr. Chairman I move that the Marshall University faculty members indicate whether they agree or disagree with this statement: 'We, the Marshall University faculty have no confidence in the present leadership of the university under the president, Dr. Stephen J. Kopp' in an online e-voter system as soon as possible."

The Chronicle of Higher Education announced the faculty's vote of no confidence in Kopp on their website Wednesday. The newspaper is the prominent source of news, information and jobs for college and university faculty members and administrators.

MU Faculty
No Confidence Vote

Agree	290	70%
Disagree	107	25%
Abstained	23	5%
Total	420*	100%

*745 faculty members were eligible to vote.
Only 56% of eligible voters participated.

MU students preparing for final examinations

By JESSICA PATTERSON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students have reached the home stretch of the semester and are preparing for final exams. This has been some students' first semester at Marshall, and they are not entirely sure what to expect.

Paul Smith, a first-semester freshman, said he is ready for the tests even though it is his first semester of college finals.

"I'm studying and getting my work done," Smith said. "I'm just making sure I know everything I've been taught by reviewing my notes. I feel pretty good about all of my finals. Studying will help me remember the material."

Smith said he hopes the other tests he has taken in his courses will help him prepare for the final.

"I think the other tests I've had in the classes will help me know what to expect," Smith said. "They gave me experience. I've done multiple choice, essays and other questions, so it shouldn't be anything I haven't seen before."

Ali Fenerty, a sophomore business and marketing major, said she is anxious for exams, but thinks studying will help her.

"I'm a little nervous," Fenerty said. "I feel like I learn more by studying. Seeing the material now will help me remember it for the tests."

April Cassidy, a sophomore graphic design major, said her finals do not involve studying. Instead, she is trying to stay calm while she puts the finishing touches on her final projects so they will be ready to turn in to her professors next week.

"I have four really big projects due and

only one actual test," Cassidy said. "It's the type of test you can't study for, so I just have to be ready and get my projects done. I'm overwhelmed, but I'm trying to stay ahead and not do everything last minute. I am using every free minute I have to get things done. I'll be relieved when it's over, because I know I'll make good grades. I have worked hard this semester, and now I just have to finish things off"

Shoshannah Diehl, a junior English major, said she feels ready for finals because she does not have as many this semester.

"I'm studying with friends in the class and reviewing vocabulary and preparing essay questions," Diehl said. "I think the hardest part will be remembering everything for the comprehensive exams."

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Panhellenic Council to kick off
Vera Bradley Bingo fundraiser

By COURTNEY DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Sorority Panhellenic Council will host a Vera Bradley Bingo fundraiser Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Room BE5 in Marshall University Memorial Student Center.

The Panhellenic Council is the governing body for on-campus sororities, and serves as a resource for the women involved in sororities, provides scholarships and sponsors educational programs during

the year. The Panhellenic Council's mission is to create an environment that encourages girls to become women of character and develop their personal sense of self.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets will be sold all day. A table will be set up in the Student Center, Thursday from 12-2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and at the door.

The \$15 dollar ticket will pay for 20 bingo games and a

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Thousands of children's products contain toxic chemicals, report says

By ERIKA BOLSTAD
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More than 5,000 products, including clothing, toys and bedding, contain toxic chemicals that could be dangerous for children's health, yet stores still stock them and consumers know little about their content, an advocacy group reported this week.

"For most products in our homes, including children's products, we simply don't have standards," said Erika Schreder, science director for the

Washington Toxics Coalition and author of the report released Wednesday based on toxic chemical data from Washington state. "Manufacturers are allowed to use just about anything they want to."

The report, called "Chemicals Revealed," identified more than 5,000 products such as footwear, car seats and arts and crafts supplies that include developmental or reproductive toxins and carcinogens. Those include such toxic metals as mercury, cadmium, cobalt, antimony and

molybdenum. Manufacturers also reported using phthalates in clothing, toys, bedding and baby products. Phthalates, hormone-disrupting chemicals, most are often used to make plastics pliable.

The Washington Toxics Coalition and Safer States, a coalition of consumer advocacy groups, looked at products sold in Washington state. The state in 2008 began requiring retailers to report whether they're selling products that contain one of 66 chemicals identified by the

state as being of high concern to children.

The legislation required major companies making children's products to report to the Washington State Department of Ecology beginning last year. The report covers certain children's products sold in the state from June 1, 2012, to March 1, 2013.

Major retailers who reported using the chemicals in their products include Walmart, Gap, Gymboree, Hallmark and H&M.

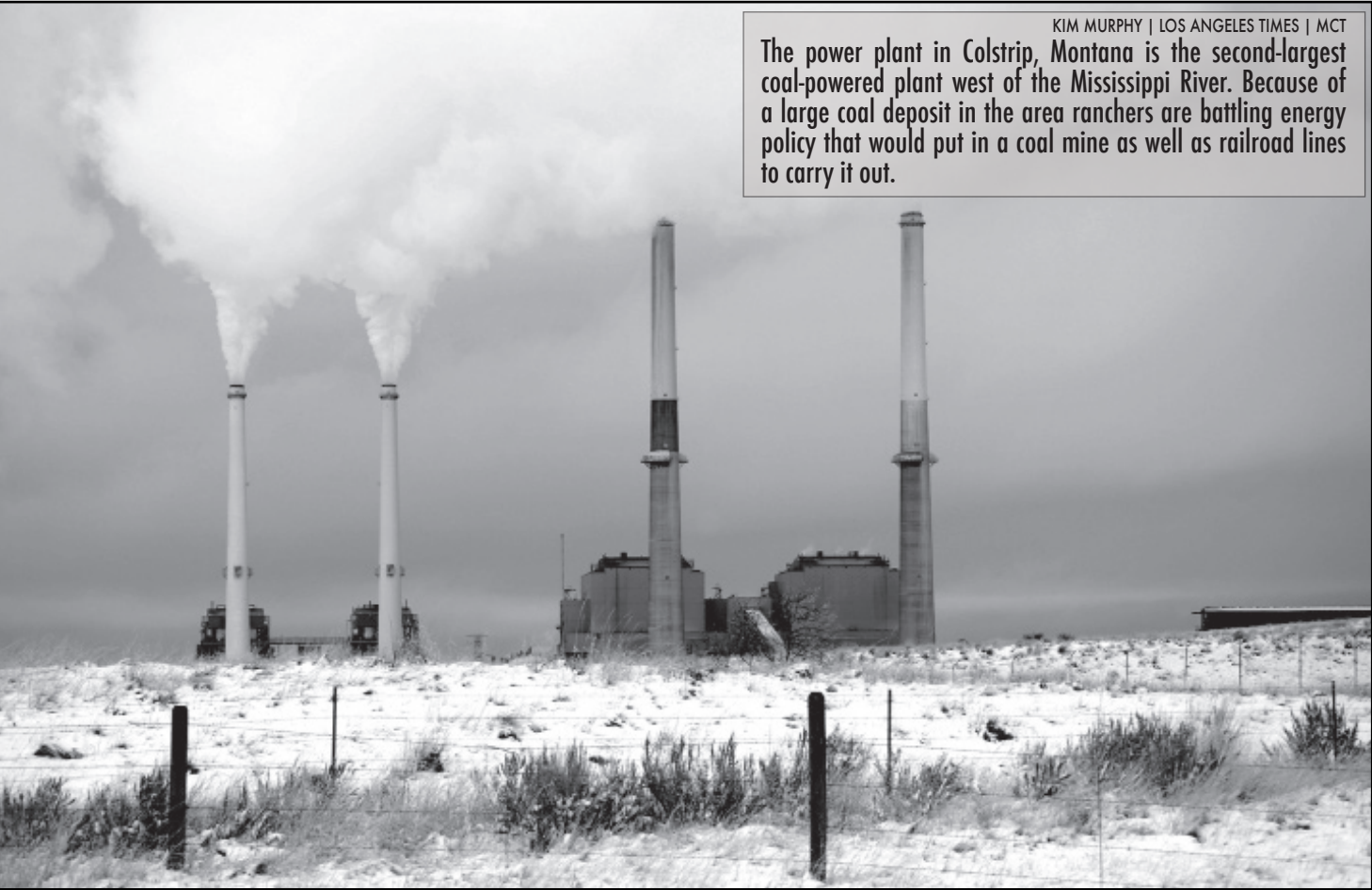
Retailers aren't required to report the exact

product, however, just product categories. The report identified Hallmark party hats containing cancer-causing arsenic, for example, but because of the limited data that manufacturers and retailers are required to disclose, it's impossible to specify the exact party hat.

Among the other products identified in the report: Graco car seats containing the toxic flame retardant tetrabromobisphenol A, Claire's cosmetics containing cancer-causing formaldehyde, and

Walmart dolls containing hormone-disrupting bisphenol A.

The groups praised manufacturers and retailers for providing even limited data, saying that the information is critical for understanding the presence of toxic chemicals. Yet to truly protect children, Schreder said, manufacturers need to identify safer ways to make their products and stop using harmful chemicals. The organization also backs efforts to ban two fire retardants in Washington state.



KIM MURPHY | LOS ANGELES TIMES | MCT

The power plant in Colstrip, Montana is the second-largest coal-powered plant west of the Mississippi River. Because of a large coal deposit in the area ranchers are battling energy policy that would put in a coal mine as well as railroad lines to carry it out.

In Montana, ranchers line up against coal

By KIM MURPHY
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Out in these windy stretches of cottonwood and prairie grass, not far from where Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer ran into problems at Little Bighorn, a new battle is unfolding over what future energy development in the West will look like.

Here, rancher Wallace McRae and his son, Clint, run cattle on 31,000 acres along Rosebud Creek, land their family has patrolled with horses and tamed with fences for 125 years.

They could probably go on undisturbed for 100 years more if the earth under the pastures weren't laced with coal. A consortium led by BNSF Railway Co. wants to build a rail line to carry some of that coal to market. Nine miles of it would run through the McRae ranch.

The McRaes and some of their neighbors say the Tongue River Railroad, and a proposed coal mine at Otter Creek, puts southeast Montana and ranchers like them at risk for an

energy plan that mainly benefits Asia.

"It's going to cross our land, wreak havoc with our water, go through our towns," Clint McRae said recently, sitting in the rustic wood house his father built, its hearth hewn from local stone.

The Montana ranchers are in the minority. For many others, coal has been one of the few good things to come out of a region so barren it sent many early homesteaders fleeing to greener lands farther west.

The Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming already is producing 42 percent of the nation's coal, and with diminishing U.S. markets, producers are mounting a push to serve booming Asian industrial centers. Authorities are reviewing permits for four coal export terminals in Washington and Oregon that would ship up to 150 million tons of coal a year, including coal from Otter Creek, across the Pacific.

The issue has quickly become the hottest environmental

debate in the Pacific Northwest. Nearly 9,000 people showed up at recent hearings on the export terminal proposed near Bellingham, Wash. More than 14,000 comments were collected, pitting those hoping for a new U.S. energy bonanza against citizens concerned about coal dust pollution and increased rail traffic.

Since the 1970s, coal has earned Montana \$2.6 billion in tax revenues, and the Otter Creek Mine would bring more, along with 2,000 construction jobs and 350 mining jobs.

Those facts count to the McRaes' non-ranching neighbors in Colstrip, where a 2,094-megawatt power plant burns coal from another nearby mine, and where the Tongue River Railroad would join the existing railroad line.

"Otter Creek is probably the biggest development opportunity our state will see in our lifetime," said Jim Atchison, director of Southeastern Montana Development, an economic promotion group. "So

even though people may be complaining about coal development and how dirty rotten bad it is, it pays a lot of bills in the state of Montana."

The McRaes contend that the biggest costs are the ones you can't see, the underwater aquifers that already have been polluted with coal ash.

"We have 16 springs on this ranch, and every single one of them comes out of a coal seam," said the elder McRae, 78. "Now, they call us radical environmentalists because we want the laws enforced."

The 42-mile-long Tongue River Railroad, they said, would bring its own problems. Seven trains a day would disrupt their cattle operations and impede efforts to fight rangeland fires.

"They will cut off our cattle from water, it's like a concrete wall," said Clint McRae, 50. "And if we don't fence it off, we're going to have cattle just wiped out by trains."

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Earth's greenhouse gas approaches milestone level

By GEOFFREY MOHAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

The ratio of carbon dioxide in Earth's atmosphere is flirting with 400 parts per million, a level last seen about 2.5 million to 5 million years ago, according to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego.

The institution this week launched a daily Keeling curve update, showing the saw-toothed upward diagonal of rising carbon dioxide levels since the late 1950s.

Isolated measurements have peaked at above 400 parts per million in the Arctic, but scientists are more alarmed at steady readings from Mauna Loa, Hawaii, far from major pollution sources. Those measurements, considered to be the most reliable indicators of Earth's atmospheric content, could

breach the 400 level this month, according to Scripps.

The speed at which Earth's atmosphere has reached that density of carbon dioxide, a known greenhouse gas, has scientists alarmed.

Scientists estimate that average temperatures during the Pliocene rose as much as 18 degrees Fahrenheit. Sea levels during that 2.8-million-year epoch ranged between 16 to 131 feet higher than current levels, according to Richard Norris, a Scripps geologist.

"I think it is likely that all these ecosystem changes could recur, even though the time scales for the Pliocene warmth are different than the present," Norris said. Heating the ocean probably will cause sea level rises and change the Ph balance of the ocean, affecting a wide array of marine life, he said. "Our

dumping of heat and CO2 into the ocean is like making investments in a pollution bank," he said.

The graph, made famous by Al Gore in his documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," was instituted by climate science pioneer Charles David Keeling at Scripps. It is the longest continuous record of CO2 in the world, starting from 316 ppm in March 1958.

For the previous 800,000 years, CO2 levels never exceeded 300 parts per million, and there is no known geologic period in which rates of increase have been so sharp. The level was about 280 parts per million at the advent of the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century, when the burning of fossil fuels began to soar.

"I wish it weren't true, but it looks like the world is going to

blow through the 400-ppm level without losing a beat," said Scripps geochemist Ralph Keeling, who has taken over the Keeling curve measurement from his late father. "At this pace we'll hit 450 ppm within a few decades."

The saw-tooth pattern of the incline reflects small seasonal variations within the long-term upward trend. Generally, the micro-peak in the curve comes in May.

"The 400-ppm threshold is a sobering milestone, and should serve as a wake-up call for all of us to support clean-energy technology and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, before it's too late for our children and grandchildren," said Tim Lueker, an oceanographer and carbon cycle researcher who is a longtime member of the Scripps CO2 Group.

Breastfeeding rooms coming to campus

By SHANE BIAS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University received a grant from the West Virginia Breastfeeding Alliance to build a lactation room for nursing mothers.

Amy Saunders, student health education specialist at Marshall Student Health, said the lactation room is a great addition to campus.

"Nursing mothers need a lot of support, and Marshall University is working hard to help provide this support," Saunders said.

The Breastfeeding Alliance grant amounted to \$2,000 and additional funding came from the university.

Samantha Towe, said she was not aware of the new lactation room but said she supports it.

Towe said she is glad Marshall is committed to the health of students.

"I am very glad to see Marshall committed to helping students' health causes," Towe said. "A lactation room isn't a popular idea, so I am glad to see Marshall step up and provide this service to its students."

Saunders worked with a small committee on the project.

"We started a small committee, made up of mothers who have nursed in the past and several university offices, to work on this project," Saunders said.

Students may use the lactation room to pump milk or to nurse their babies.

Towe said she knows many students on campus who have kids and could use the facility.

"I had no clue Marshall was in the process of getting a lactation room," Towe said. "But I think it is a good idea to have one for the women who may need to use it while on campus."

The lactation room is located in the women's lounge on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Saunders said the rooms are now open and are already being used.

"The rooms are open now, and we already have some students using the room," Saunders said. "The room is open as long as the Student Center is open."

"I know a lot of people on campus who bring their kids with them and have trouble finding areas to nurse on campus," Towe said. "This would be a perfect place for these mothers to go and nurse without it being hard for them."

Saunders said Student Health Programs received pumps if any students are in need of one.

The lactation room is free and can be used by any nursing mother.

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Former Herd volleyball player finds peace with new position

By CAITIE SMITH
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Hard work and dedication are essential for any student athlete. With hours of practice followed by hours individual training, some might wonder how an athlete gets any of the student requirements done.

When an athlete gets injured, it takes even more willpower and dedication to get back on the right track.

And then there is the case with Jaylene Berrien.

The sophomore was a member of the Thundering Herd volleyball team for two years. The sport has been a part of her life since she was in the fourth grade.

"My parents decided to get both me and my sister into sports, and volleyball was the one that stuck," Berrien said.

The Springfield, Ohio native accepted her only scholarship offer and signed on to be a part of the Herd.

Before even putting on the kelly green and white though, Berrien was sidelined by injury. During club volleyball in the summer, Jaylene injured her shoulder, and while doctors said she could play on it, the pain got worse and led to surgery.

Berrien sat out the entire 2011 season with a shoulder sling and a redshirt.

"At first I was upset, but I knew it was happening for a reason," Berrien said. "I just wanted to play."

Jaylene worked hard during rehab to make sure she could return to the court fully ready to play.



BERRIEN

"I eased my way back into practice [for the spring scrimmages freshman year]," Berrien said. "I played in two scrimmages that spring, and I was so happy that I could play again. It still hurt pretty badly, and it was really frustrating at times."

Berrien said there was a disconnection between what her mind wanted to do, and what her body was willing to.

"My mind wanted to play and get better and be all that I could be, but my body wasn't on the same page," Berrien said.

That semester, Berrien found comfort and support from her teammate, setter Sammie Bane.

"We started getting really close that semester," Bane said. "I saw her in the gym that spring, and my first thoughts were she could jump out of the gym. She's a really good blocker."

Bane said playing alongside Berrien that spring was beneficial for the Herd's morale.

"Jay was always so positive," Bane said. "Her work ethic brought out more in everyone."

Berrien spent all summer in the gym and weight room, and trained to make her shoulder stronger to be able to block and jump for her team that fall.

Berrien found herself in a rare situation during the second week of preseason workouts last summer.

During the second practice of the day, Berrien tore her flexor retinaculum in her left ankle.

Although it was in a negative way, Berrien made history with her injury.

"I was the first volleyball player in the history of volleyball to have it happen to them while playing," Berrien said.

Berrien was devastated and said the second surgery was a lot more painful.

This spring brought even more devastating news for the outside hitter and middle blocker.

"At first, I practiced and worked out with the team, but it was still pretty painful," Berrien said. "I tried to ease my way back into it. Since it was an ankle injury this time it was harder to get back in the game. I tried to do anything physically just to be on the court somehow, but it wasn't working out too well."

Berrien tried to accommodate her position with her injury, but did not find successful results.

"My position involved a lot of jumping and agile movements," Berrien said. "My ankle was still pretty sensitive, and I couldn't really do any of that."

Her best friend was there for her through the entire thing.

"I could not believe it," Bane said. "Jay and I talked so much about how even though we do not know why God was doing that to her, he has a plan and will get her through it."

Bane said the plan may not make perfect sense right now, but she has all the faith in the world in her roommate.

"Even though it doesn't make sense now, it happened for a reason," Bane said. "She is probably one of the

kindest, most caring and most generous people I have ever met."

Midway through the semester, Berrien talked with head coach Mitch Jacobs and both concluded her injury was going to force her to retire from the game of volleyball.

"We talked, and it worked out best if I just stopped playing," Berrien said. "It was hard mentally and physically at the time, but he really looked out for my best interests."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Berrien during her high school career in Springfield, Ohio.

Baseball takes on Memphis, tries to make it to C-USA Tournament

By CAITIE SMITH
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After two wins against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky this week, the Marshall University baseball teams hopes to take the momentum to the home of the blues to face off against the Memphis Tigers in a three-game matchup.

The Tigers are currently 27-19 and 9-9 in conference play.

Memphis swept the Thundering Herd in three games during the last two meetings.

The weekend is an important one for Marshall because the team is currently in the final spot for the Conference USA tournament.

"I truly think when we make the tournament we can really do some damage," sophomore relief pitcher Matt Margaritonda said of the possibility. "The sky's the limit for us."

The Memphis series is the second to last conference series for the Herd.

Marshall is 5-10 in conference play, and only 1-5 in away conference contests.

Catcher David Diaz-Fernandez said playing in all the venues also serves as motivation.

"It's an awesome atmosphere," Diaz-Fernandez said. "Going to other schools and playing against teams with a thousand or more fans in their stadiums just makes you want to win that much more."

Diaz-Fernandez started in his first conference game last weekend against Tulane, but the freshman has seen action in 11 contests this season.

"It's a great feeling to play as a freshman and being able to contribute to the team this early in my career is awesome," Diaz-Fernandez said.

Diaz-Fernandez said he does not feel pressure by being a freshman, but rather by being a catcher.

"Catchers are the leaders on the field," Diaz-Fernandez said. "They see the whole field in front of them so they always have to communicate with the other position players, which is why I try my best to be vocal and communicate with the pitchers, the players and everyone else."

Isaac Ballou, who boasts a .315 average, and Andrew Dundon, with a .314 average, lead Marshall's offensive threat.

The pitching staff possess a collective 4.19 ERA and leads the Marshall defense.

Set-up man and long reliever Ryan Hopkins leads the team

individually with a 2.34 ERA, and is followed by staff ace Aaron Blair with 2.53.

Margaritonda is coming off earning his fourth save in Tuesday's game and pitching his longest outing last weekend with 4.2 innings.

"I really take pride in my bullpens, not only to work on my pitches, but to gain confidence," Margaritonda said. "Throwing perfect pitches in the bullpen carries on to the field, because I know in the back of my head, I can make the pitch because I've done it before."

Margaritonda struck out two of the three batters he faced Tuesday and has 21 on the season.

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Senior catcher Matt Kirkwood takes a swing at the plate.



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Senior outfielder Isaac Ballou makes his way to first base after a base hit during the Herd's series against Houston.

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The Constitution of the United States of America

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Letter to the Editor

To the Marshall University Community:

On behalf of the Marshall University Board of Governors, I wish to express the vast majority of the board's overwhelming support for President Stephen J. Kopp.

Dr. Kopp has succeeded in achieving the goals set by the Board of Governors for Marshall University and he has exceeded the board's performance expectations in numerous areas. The board also believes that he is the right person to keep our great university moving in the right direction.

An atmosphere that fosters

constructive dialogue will help us find solutions to the challenges we face, particularly those identified in recent days. We expect better communication and collegiality from all constituent groups and consider this an opportunity to establish common ground on which we can address the financial and other obstacles that lie ahead.

Our shared goal is to do what is best for our students. We can only achieve this by working together openly in a renewed and genuine spirit of cooperation.

Sincerely,
Dr. Joseph B. Touma
Chairman

Statement from the president

"I am pleased to have the overwhelming support of the Board of Governors and trust that, working together with faculty, staff and students, we will continue down our proven path of success.

"During the past few weeks, I have received an outpouring of affirmations and expressions of support from across

the entire university community and our extended family of Marshall Sons and Daughters. It has been very gratifying and encouraging and I personally thank those who have taken the time to express themselves.

"I respect the views of the faculty who have shared their

opinion in this fashion; however, the budget challenges we set out to address remain and I do not see additional public funding on the horizon. We have much work to do in the coming days and months to ensure Marshall continues its progress with even more limited public resources.

"I am extremely proud to lead this great institution and I want everyone to know that, while we have tremendous challenges ahead, they present an opportunity to find even more ways for us to work together."

- **Stephen J. Kopp, Ph.D.**
President

"The world still is the same, you'll never change it." These are the words from one of my favorite songs by the famous crooner, Dean Martin. And although I tend to agree with him on most things, I must respectfully disagree with Dino, for the most part, on this one.

I've often heard that success can be measured simply by whether or not you left something better than you found it. After having the privilege of serving in the Student Government Association for the past four years, I believe that with the diligence, collaboration, and perseverance between me and the dozens of individuals I was able to serve with throughout that time, we have been able to leave Marshall University better than we found it.

As outlined in the editorial published this week, we have been very fortunate in our efforts, particularly over the past two years. But these accomplishments are certainly not all mine. The credit is undoubtedly shared between two Vice Presidents, Executive Cabinets, and sessions of Senate that I have served with over that time, and I am incredibly grateful for their dedication to our student body.

These successes also would not have been possible without the unwavering receptiveness and willingness to work together exhibited by our President, Board of Governors, deans, faculty, staff, and others - I sincerely thank you all. Despite these achievements, there is always more work to be done, and I have full faith in the ability of the Hassan/Lyons Administration to continue our efforts. EJ and Ashley, I look forward to watching your progress over the coming year.

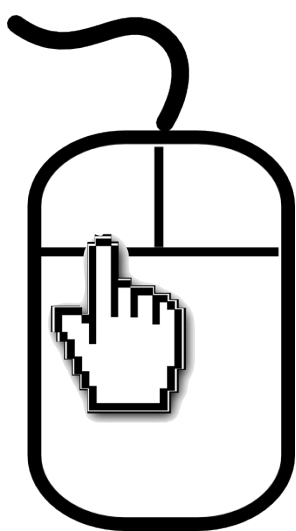
In addition to the substantial projects and initiatives that have been completed, the individual interactions that I have had with students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, and numerous members of the Huntington and Marshall communities have made all the difference. I will never be able to fully describe the multitude of emotions I have felt from these conversations. Imagine being able to thank a group of Foundation donors for their millions of dollars in support on behalf of all students; a family member of the 1970 plane crash thanking you for planning such a beautiful ceremony with tears streaming down their face; or a student simply

thanking you for taking time out of your day to explain some aspect of the university of which they weren't familiar - these make it all worth it.

Although not all of us may go out and necessarily change the "world," there is no group of people I have more confidence in than the Sons and Daughters of Marshall University. After interacting with you all throughout my tenure here, I am more proud than ever to say that I am a member of the Marshall Family. Being able to serve as your president has truly been the most rewarding experience of my short life, and I will always be grateful for your support. A sincere thanks also must go out to my parents, girlfriend, family, friends, advisers, and all of the others I have been surrounded by throughout my collegiate career. To those reading this, I look forward to crossing paths with many of you in the future, and wish everyone the best on their endeavors.

We Are Strong, We Are Unified, and We Are Marshall.

Yours in Marshall University,
Raymond Harrell, Jr.
Student Body President & Board of Governors Representative 2011-2013



ONLINE POLLS

What are your plans for the summer?

- Summer School
- Vacation
- Part-Time Job
- Who Knows?

Do you feel you are in good academic standing going in to the final weeks of the semester?

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| ■ Yes | 76% |
| ■ No | 14% |
| ■ I don't know | 11% |

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Editorial

Faculty, students make Marshall what it is

In any school environment, there are three distinct stratifications: students, faculty and administration. In the eyes of the students, the general faculty and administrative stroll hand-in-hand as the establishment and the collective obstacle course through which they cross for a diploma. That instructors and their higher-ups are on the same page cannot be more obviously farther from the truth now, and students are beginning to see the rift. Marshall University students, as a collective mind are beginning to see the shared

plight of teachers and pupils alike at Marshall.

As much as students would like to be bitter toward instructors this close to finals weeks, it has become increasingly clear that both those bubbling the Scantrons and those grading them are in the same boat.

The core components of the university do not have control over the university.

When students graduate, they are not going to remember President Stephen Kopp except for this giant mess. They might remember his accomplishments in the Recreation Center

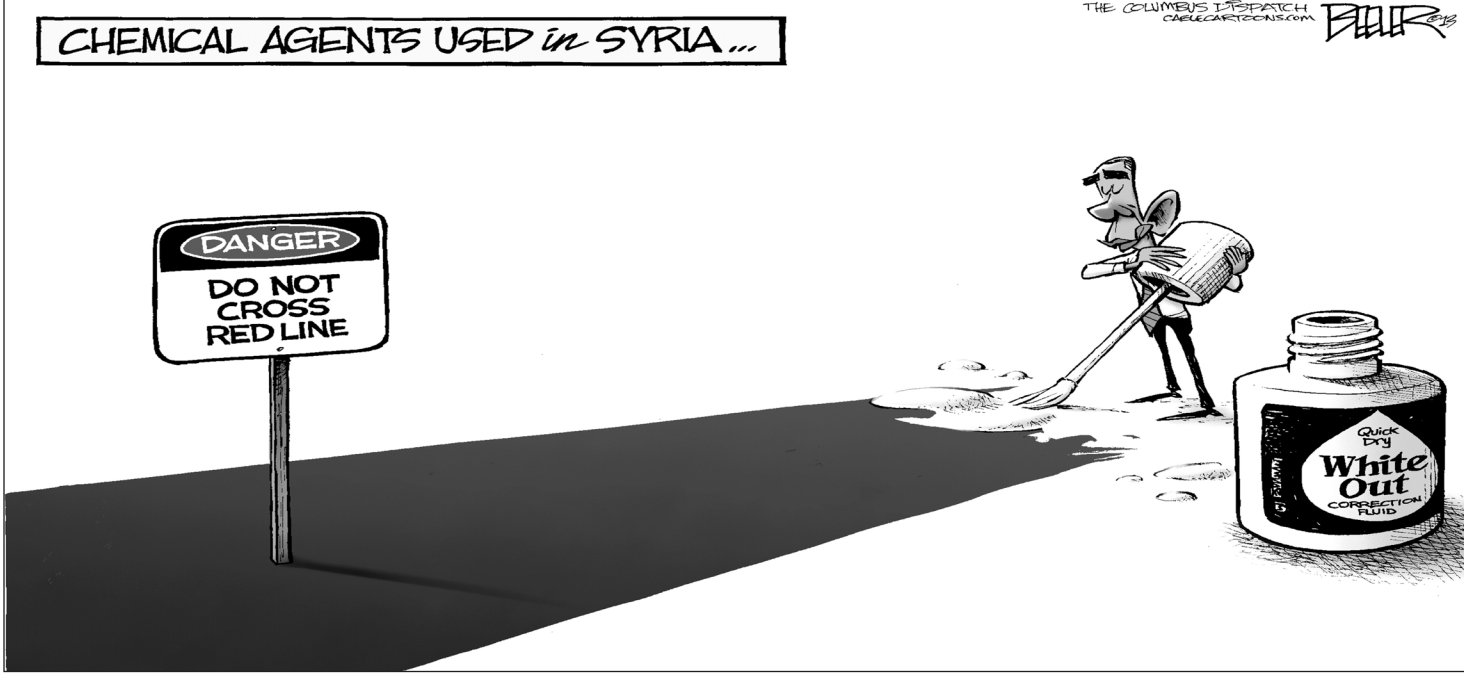
and the empty Sixth Avenue parking garage, but those programs will not have changed the person who passed through this university. It is not the buildings that earn a place in the hearts and minds of students. It is what goes on inside those walls.

It is the faculty.

Students will remember philosophical French professors and jovial history graduate assistants. They will look back on the instructors who answered a late night email and gave a hand in the darkest academic hours.

Those are the experiences that make Marshall students distinctly Marshall, and that is what they will carry from campus into the rest of their lives.

Kopp's accomplishments are, admittedly, in the interests of the university, but not in the best interests of Marshall. The interactions between faculty and students are what make students who they are currently and after they have gone on to their careers. Faculty is what will truly change students forever, and to ignore them in these coming processes would be a major mistake.



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My fellow students, As many of you are well aware, our beloved university has gone through a period of disarray as we begin to face the imminent financial cuts from the State of West Virginia to Higher Education and particularly Marshall University. I would like to address several points in regards to the actions that have transpired in recent weeks as well as how we as a University can move forward.

On Monday April 29, the Marshall University Student Senate passed a Resolution titled "Student Government Association Position on Budgetary Matters Facing the University". The legislation was drafted in a collaborative fashion by both my and outgoing President Ray Harrell, Jr.'s Executive Cabinets, respectively; received input directly from the Executives of the Student Senate; and subsequently passed by the full Student Senate on Monday evening.

Several points were addressed in this legislation, many of which I believe reflect the sentiments conveyed by the Board of Governors and the Administration. While we believe that this resolution took all opinions and concerns into account, the message of this legislation is clear: it is time that WE, as a university, unify in the effort to focus our discussions on minimizing the effect that these cuts will have on student tuition increases, above all else.

On behalf of the student body, I would like to personally extend my gratitude to Board of

Governors Chairman Dr. Joseph Touma, as well as the rest of the Board, for their commitment to the main constituency of Marshall University, the students, as well as the Administration's collaborative approach to solving the issues that we currently face at this great university. As we move forward, I am eager to begin the process of working with the Administration, faculty, and staff in order to find solutions to the issues that we currently face, as well as any others that may arise. I also look forward to receiving your input as to how we can effectively achieve success in this matter.

Finally, I would like to make one final plea to you in regards to this matter. Future cuts to our funding from the State are more than just a possibility. That being said, our efforts against higher tuition do not overwhelmingly lie here on our great campus. As your Student Body President, one of my major initiatives will be to continue the efforts that were started over the past two years, in working with our State Legislature to prevent steeper cuts to one of the greatest commodities in this state, Higher Education. As the upcoming academic year approaches, I ask that you join me in this effort so that we may together maintain the great value that is an education at Marshall University.

Yours in Marshall University,
Elisha "E.J." Hassan
Student Body President
2013-2014

Coal

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The McRaes these days tell neighbors in Colstrip it's not just the future they need to think about; look what's already happened to the past. A widely known cowboy poet, the elder McRae penned a verse about landmarks that disappeared when the coal men came in. "Nobody knows, or nobody cares, about things of intrinsic worth," he wrote.

Colstrip Mayor Rose

Hanser counters that coal helped make south-east Montana a habitable place.

"We probably have two or less people per square mile in this part of the country. So when you're providing jobs for hundreds of people in a state that has less than a million residents, you are impacting the economy of an entire state," she said.

There has been some pollution, she said, "but the trade-offs are incredible. You have a better

education system, you have better infrastructure, better recreation and activities."

Lately, the McRaes have found new allies as plans for the coal export terminals raise the prospect of a large number of coal trains running through places such as the Columbia River Gorge and the Seattle waterfront.

The city councils of Livingston, Helena and Missoula have passed resolutions asking for studies on how the region

might be affected. Billings, which coal opponents say could see up to 64 trains a day, has not opposed the plan, but some of those who work downtown are becoming concerned.

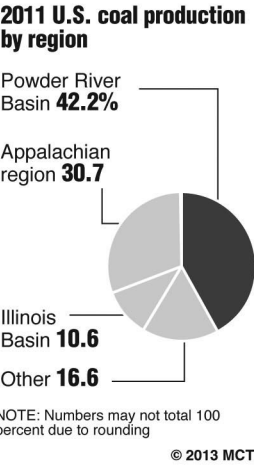
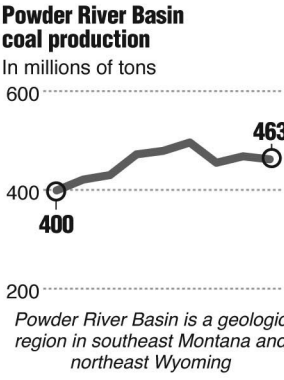
"If you do the math, it's somewhere in the magnitude of three or four times as much rail traffic as we're experiencing now," said Ed Gulick, a Billings architect who has worked with the Northern Plains Resource Council to block the coal shipments.

Coal train

A consortium led by BNSF Railway Co. wants to build a rail line through a section of southern Montana.



Source: Tongue River Railroad Co., Inc., Energy Information Administration
Graphic: Tia Lai and Scott Wilson, Los Angeles Times



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Historic Jamestown conservator Michael Lavin examines the lower jaw of the butchered Jamestown skull, which belonged to a 14-year-old English girl that scientists have named "Jane."

Cannibalism evidence discovered at Jamestown

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA. (MCT)

Archaeologists and forensic scientists working with human remains recovered at Jamestown last summer reported Wednesday that their follow-up studies have turned up gruesome evidence of cannibalism that took place during the Starving Time of 1609-10.

Analyzing the skull of a 14-year-old girl found in a refuse pit filled with butchered horse and dog bones, they

discovered multiple evidence of sharp cuts and chopping blows aimed at the cranium, cheeks and mandible.

The location and number of the marks are consistent with the flesh and brain being removed, probably for consumption.

"This person did not know how to butcher an animal. What we see is hesitancy and lack of experience," said forensic anthropologist Douglas Owsley of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

"But they were clearly interested in the cheek meat, the muscles of the throat and tongue and the brain," he said.

Of about 300 English settlers living at James Fort in the winter of 1608, only about 60 survived to the spring.

Numerous accounts of cannibalism among the survivors surfaced soon afterward and have been debated by historians for years.

But the discovery of the butchered skull, combined with

the context of other butchered animal bones in which it was found, provides the first physical evidence of the starving colonists' desperate efforts to stay alive.

"How many were cannibalized is unknown," said historian and vice president James Horn of Colonial Williamsburg.

"But we don't believe this young woman was a lone case."

"We're calling her 'Jane,'" Horn added.

"We wanted to give her a name."

Finals

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Diehl said she is trying to get rest and relax before having to take the exams to keep calm.

"You don't want to take yourself out of your normal routine," Diehl said. "That's a chance for anxiety to set in, so keeping things as normal as possible and just adding in the extra study is probably the best way to get ready."

This will be the final semester of exams for graduating

seniors. Robert Amwangi, a senior biotechnology major, said he is glad the semester is coming to a close.

"It feels good," Amwangi said. "I have finally gotten to the finish line, and it feels like a weight has been lifted off of my shoulders. I will be very relieved when finals are over. I will be able to get my degree and move on to the next step."

Amwangi said he would advise Marshall's younger students to study and keep track of time.

"Manage time wisely and study," Amwangi said. "Make flashcards, take notes in class and study what the professor says needs studied. It's how I was able to ace exams. Time management is important to me because I work, and I'm a student. I have to manage time so I am able to study for exams."

Nathaniel Rimmey, a graduating senior from the Safety Technology Program, said he would suggest studying

"Don't wait until the last minute to study," Rimmey said.

"Make sure you have everything ready before you go into the final week. Prepare by looking over the final notes. I've always made sure I kept all of my notes and took as many as I could, making key notes on what I think will be on the final."

Finals begin Monday, and May 10 is the last day of exams. May 14 is the deadline for professors to submit the final set of grades.

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Berrian

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So, she suffered two injuries in two years, and it appeared as if Berrien was going to be done with the sport she had grown up with.

"We were both sad and depressed for a couple days," Bane said. "It's hard seeing your best friend's world get taken from underneath her and being able to do nothing about it. I knew she would come out of it a stronger person though, because if anyone can get through something, it's Jaylene. Without her, I wouldn't be as strong in my faith as I am today."

Then Jacobs came calling. The 11-year coach offered Berrien something almost unheard of in the world of college

athletics. Berrien was presented with the opportunity to become an undergraduate assistant coach.

"At first, it was hard to get used to," Berrien said. "I love volleyball and the whole reason I came here was to play and help the team. Obviously, I didn't get to do any of that, but I like the job I have now because I still get to be able to help the team. I'm just helping them out in a different way."

Bane said her first reaction was relief.

"Thank the lord she isn't leaving me," Bane said. "I am so happy she is still going to be a part of the team because our team and the team chemistry just would not be the same without her."

Bane said she has complete

confidence in her former teammate.

"She is always trying to help people, whether it's holding the door open for someone or teaching little kids how to serve," Bane said. "That, along with the positivity she brings to the court, will make her a great coach. She brings out the best in people."

Berrien said her parents have been a support system through the whole rollercoaster ride and will continue to be as she begins life as a coach rather than a player.

"My parents are phenomenal," Berrien said. "They obviously wanted to see me play again, and they knew how upset I was because I couldn't anymore. The past two seasons, they came to games to watch me sit the bench. Next

year, they'll still be there cheering on the Herd and they get a chance to watch me coach. Not what any of us really expected, but they're still supportive and so awesome."

Berrien said she is blessed to have gone through this situation and has high expectations for her squad next fall.

When asked what advice to give anyone going through a similar situation, Berrien had a simple statement.

"You will get through it," Berrien said. "Everything happens for a reason, and I always believe that. Just smile and still enjoy everything you have and everything you are still blessed with."

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Kopp

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made a clear statement in the vote of no confidence, even though it is non-binding.

"It is my hope that everyone will work together for solutions moving forward," Larsen said.

Mulder said Kopp and the Board of Governors were not the only ones to blame for

the lack of communication between administration and staff.

"Working together — faculty, staff, students, senate, administrators and MUBOG, across colleges, across administrative levels — I believe that we can make changes for the better," Mulder said. "We have the talent and the motivation, and now I believe we have a real

opening for change and a way to assess what changes occur in the next year."

A budget work group, proposed by Kopp in an email on April 24, has been formed of representatives from numerous constituent groups across the university to formulate a budget plan in time for the tight deadlines. A preliminary expenditure schedule must be

provided to the state by May 6, a tuition and fee schedule to the Board of Governors on May 9 and to the Higher Learning Policy Commission May 10 and a complete budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the Board of Governors on June 11.

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Kris Kross rapper Chris Kelly dies at 34

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THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION (MCT)

Rapper Chris "Mac Daddy" Kelly died Wednesday afternoon after being found unresponsive in his home.

Kelly, 34, was part of the duo Kris Kross, known for their backward clothes and 1992 debut album, which featured the hit "Jump."

Kelly was found unresponsive and transported to Atlanta Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, a spokeswoman for the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The cause of death was not immediately known. An autopsy is planned for Thursday morning.

An Atlanta native, Kelly and the other half of the duo, Chris Smith, were

discovered at Greenbriar Mall in 1990 by now-famous entertainer and producer Jermaine Dupri. Kris Kross was one of the first acts Dupri signed to his So So Def Records label, and in February, the duo was among many to perform at an anniversary show at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

This time, neither Chris had his clothes on backward. The duo opened the show, which featured numerous other entertainers.

Though the catchy "Jump" was the most famous song for Kris Kross, the pair also recorded the "Rugrats Rap" for Nickelodeon. "Jump" was a track on the group's debut album, "Totally Krossed Out." Two other singles, "Warm it up" and "I Missed the Bus," were also hits from the album.

Bingo

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"Invite your friends, and hopefully you will be one of the lucky winners," said Megan Kelly, sorority life advisor. "Men are welcome too. Mother's Day is around the corner."

All proceeds from the Vera Bradley Bingo will go to the Circle of Sisterhood and will help the PanHellenic Council in continuing their mission.

The Circle of Sisterhood is an organization that raises money to help women and girls from around the world receive an education. Sorority members founded the organization and, their belief is that the world can be rid of poverty if women are educated.

All the prizes consist of Vera Bradley items and together amount over \$1,500. Each prize is worth more than \$50.

The PanHellenic Council will have two specialty games with larger prizes that have a travel and beach theme.

The Vera Bradley Bingo event has a Facebook page with more information and prize descriptions.

"I am really proud of all the hard work put in from the PanHellenic Executive members, and I hope we can raise money for more programming in the fall and the Circle of Sisterhood," Jackie Hackett, PHC president, said.

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